

EE211 Assignment #3 (Section 2 Semester 2/2020)

Instructions:

- Assigned date is Thursday the 13th, May 2021. **Due date is Friday the 21th, May 2021 before 11.59 PM.**
 - Submission is only received through BE Moodle platform as PDF file.
 - Name your file as StudentID_nickname, such as 1234567489_Bo.
 - There is no need to rewrite the question into your answer sheets. Indicating clearly question and item number is sufficient.
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 - For those who do not have a digital device to write on, you can write your answers in sheets of paper, take pictures, convert them into a single PDF then submit in on Moodle.
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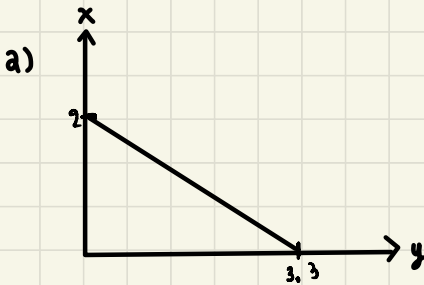
- a) If Neo has 10,000 baht of budget, how many times of each destination he will choose to travel and why? Draw his indifference curve and budget line to analyze his decision and indicate details on the graph.
- b) If his budget increases to 20,000 baht, draw his income-consumption curve. Also plot his income demand of traveling in Thailand, find its slope and explain.

2. Consider a long-run production in which there are only two inputs labor and capital, and the input prices for labor and capital are wage (w) and interest rate (r), respectively. Suppose that at the equilibrium levels of labor and capital (L^* , K^*), the marginal product of labor (MP_L) and marginal product of capital (MP_K) are 6 and 8, respectively.

- a) (5 points) Calculate the marginal rate of technical substitution (MRTS) and state the cost-minimization conditions of this firm, given that the required output is fixed at Q_0 . If the market wage rate (w) is \$3, what is the interest rate at the equilibrium?
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$$I = 10,000$$

$$P_x = 3,000^{Thai}$$

$$P_y = 5,000^{Mal}$$

$$\text{Budget: } I = P_x X + P_y Y$$

$$10000 = 3,000 \times 1 + 5,000 \times 1$$

$$\text{Slope Budget Line: } -\frac{5000}{3000} = -1.67$$

$$\text{Utilities: } U = 2M + T$$

$$\text{Slope of Indifferent curve: } -\frac{MU_M}{MU_T} = -\frac{2}{1} = -2$$

find max U

$$U = aM + bT$$

$$= 2(2) + 0 = 4$$

∴ Neo choose maldives because he can receives max utility at 4 utils.

b) budget increase to 20,000

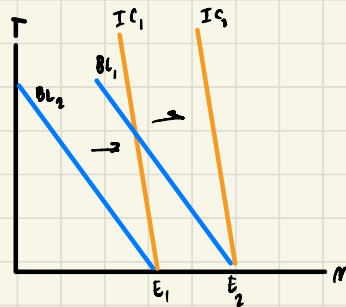
$$I = P_x X + P_y Y$$

$$20000 = 3000X + 5000Y$$

$$\text{slope Indifferent curve} = -\frac{2}{1} = -2$$

$$\text{slope Balance line} = -\frac{5000}{3000} = -1.67$$

∴ |slope IC| > |slope BL|



∴ Although budget is increase, Neo still goes to Maldivre because he can go to Maldivre for 4 times with 20,000\$ which is more than 10000\$ that he can go travel 2 times in Maldivres.

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a) Find $MRTS = -\frac{MP_L}{MP_K}$ Minimize cost; $MRTS = -\frac{P_L}{P_K}$

$$= -\frac{6}{8}$$

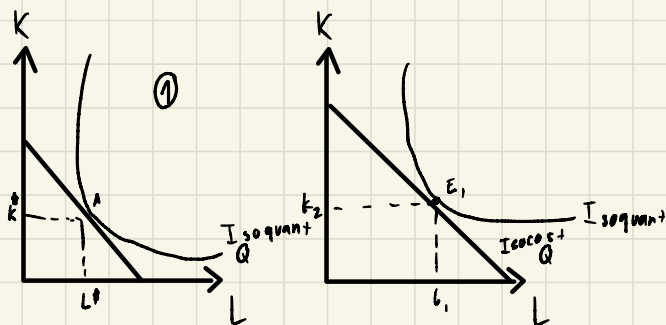
$$= -\frac{3}{4}$$

$$-\frac{MP_L}{MP_K} = -\frac{w}{r}$$

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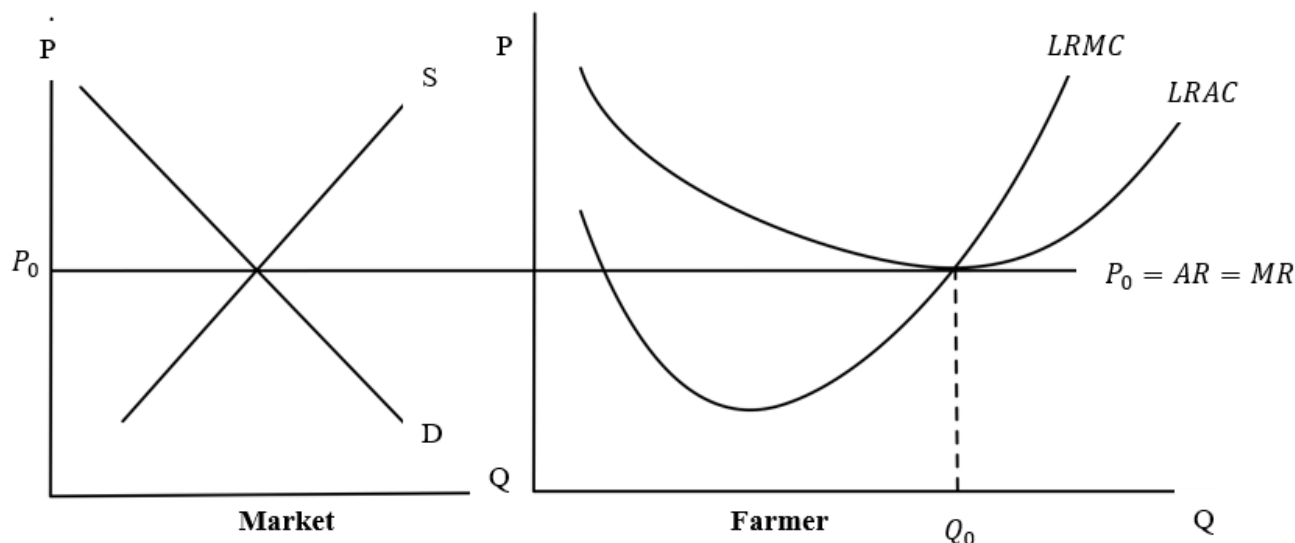
$$r = 4$$

∴ The interest rate at the equilibrium is 4 \$
if when wage rate is increase to 4 \$



∴ since at a new equilibrium (E_1) when wage is increase, the firm will hire lower labor and use more capital.

3. A Thai rice farmer is in a long run equilibrium in a perfect competition and produces at the quantity Q_0 as shown in the graph below.



- The government grants a lump sum subsidy to every farmer. How will this change the LRAC? Explain why LRMC does not change.
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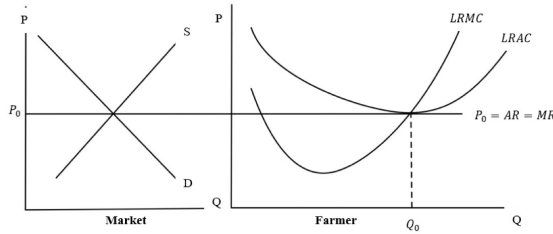
4. An inverse demand function in a monopoly market is given by

$$P = 100 - 5Q$$

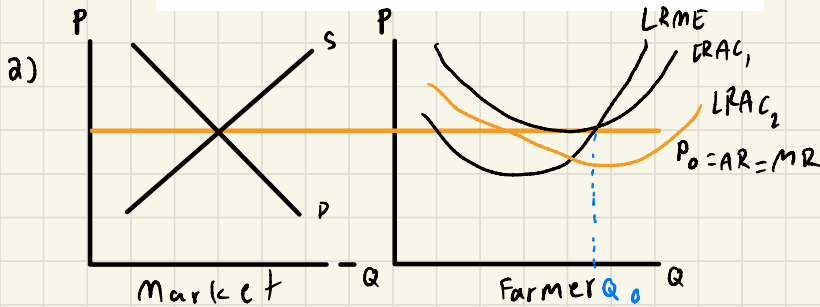
Supposed that the monopolist is very efficient, which gives a constant marginal cost of \$20, answer the following questions.

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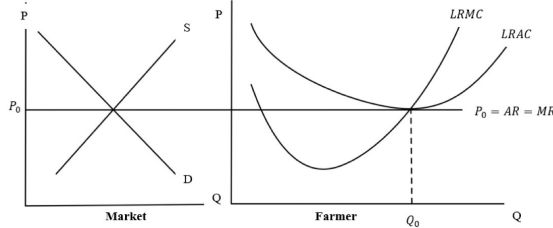


- Government grants a lump sum subsidy to producer, so the average cost is decreased causing LRAC to shift downwards. But MC doesn't change because it doesn't relate to production showing that $cost = TC - S$

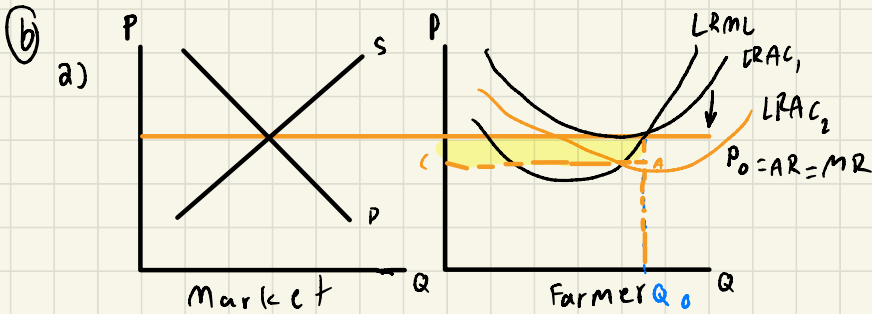
$$AC = \frac{TC - S}{Q}$$

$$MC = \frac{\Delta TC}{\Delta Q}$$

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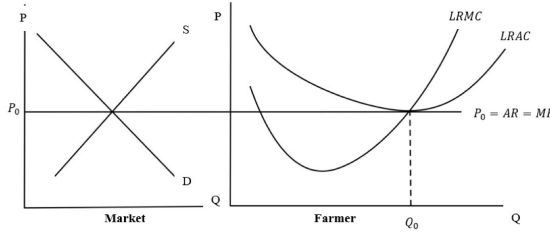


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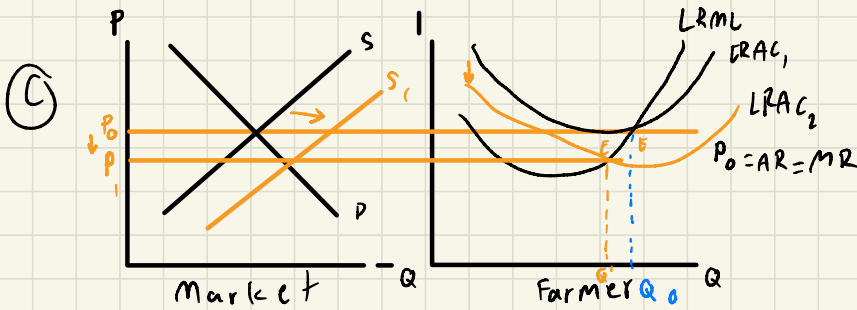


The equilibrium doesn't change, so lump sum subsidy doesn't cause changing in quantity. According to the graph, the area of $\square DP_0EQ_0$ shows the total revenue, $\square OC_1AQ_0$ shows the total cost. Therefore the area of $\square C_1PEA$ shows the excess profit that the farmer earned ($TR - TC = Profit$) $P > AC$

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Since the old firm have excess profit, the new firm will enter the market supply will increase (shift rightward). Then the market price will decrease to P_1 , individual will $\downarrow P$ as a price takers
 $\therefore \pi$ will decrease when $\pi_L = 0$ again (normal profit)

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a) $TR = P \cdot Q$

$$TR = (100 - 5Q) \cdot Q$$

$$TR = 100Q - 5Q^2$$

$$MR = MC$$

$$100 - 10Q = 20$$

$$10Q = 80$$

$$Q = 8$$

$$TC = MC \cdot Q$$

$$TC = 20 \cdot 8$$

$$TC = 160$$

Find MR

$$MR = 100 - 10Q$$

∴ There will be 8 units produced and cost of product is 160\$

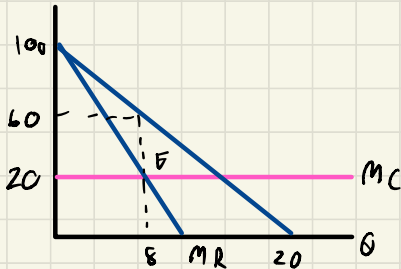
From the given equation;

$$P = 100 - 5Q$$

$$P = 100 - 5(8)$$

$$P = 60$$

∴ The price of product is 60\$ at equilibrium



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⑥ From $TC = TVC + TFC$, TFC is fixed and constant so we assume that TFC is equal to 0. Therefore $TC = TVC + TFC^0$

$$TC = TVC = MC \cdot Q$$
$$\therefore TVC = 20 \times 8$$
$$TVC = 160$$

⑦ $TC = TFC + TVC$

$$TC = 160 + (MC \cdot Q)$$
$$TC = 160 + 20Q$$
$$AC = \frac{TC}{Q}$$
$$AC = \frac{160 + 20Q}{Q}$$
$$AC = \frac{160}{Q} + 20$$

$$MR = MC$$
$$100 - 10Q = 20$$
$$Q = 8$$

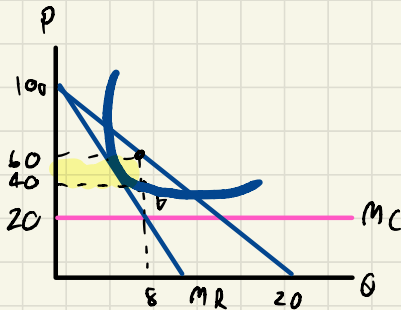
From $TC = 160 + 20(8)$

$$TC = 320$$

From $AC = \frac{160}{Q} + 20$

$$AC = \frac{160}{8} + 20$$

$$AC = 40$$



$$\therefore \text{Profit} = TR - TC$$
$$= (60 \times 8) - (40 \times 8)$$
$$= 160$$

5. Assumed both a product market and a labor market are perfectly competitive, a table of marginal product is given below.

Unit of labor	Marginal product of labor
2	12
3	8
4	6
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This product can be sold in the market for \$12 each while labor wage is \$48, answer the following questions clearly.

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6. Consider these statements and indicate which one of the choices fits with each statement and roughly explain why.

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- Public goods
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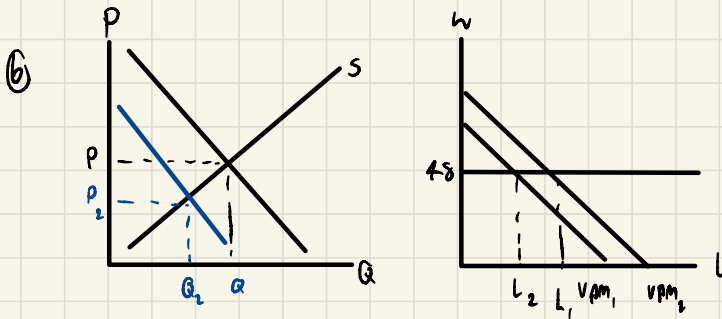
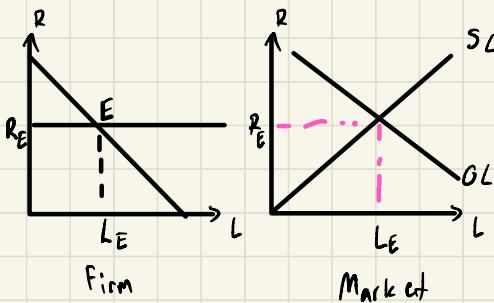
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a) To maximize profit, it is at equilibrium point which $MPC = W$.
 At hiring labor for 5 units, $MPC = W$. Therefore, firm should hire 5 units of labour to maximize profit.



Demand is decreased, Demand line shift left from D_1 to D_2 causing Price and quantity makes VMP_2 shift left from VMP_1 and firm hire less labor from L^* to L_2

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- a) Not a market failure & can be because the increase in demand, which lead to the increase of price in equilibrium
- b) Externalities: It is a negative externality since a loud fight that he hears is a factor causes by others.
- c) Moral Hazard: This statement is to solve the change of behavior after receive the deal. Moral Hazard occurs where the action of the risk-taking party changes after a financial transaction has taken place
- d) Public goods: Public good is under provider in a free market because its characteristics because once it provided it can't stop anyone benefiting from the good and if some body benefit from good, it doesn't reduce the amount available for other
- e. Market Power: Since starbucks coffee is the brand that have more branch & the demand is more elastic. Even though the price is higher than amazon people still buy starbucks. So, Starbucks has more market than Amazon coffee.